

Assigned Ministry Role(s)

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Para 504: The church recognizes the following categories of service in which a district assembly may place an elder, deacon, or, as circumstances warrant, a licensed minister: pastor, evangelist, missionary, teacher, administrator, chaplain, and special service.

Ministry Roles: Para. 505-526 (Administrator. . .through . . .Special Service)

In preparing for vocational service in the church of God, specifically the Church of the Nazarene, candidates will complete:

- **528.1.** A validated course of study, together with the necessary procedures concerning their completion for those seeking a credential as elder and deacon or certification in categories and roles of ministry, are to be found in the regional *Sourcebook on Ordination*.
- **530.4.** To qualify for ordination, candidates must achieve graduation from a validated course of study within 10 years from the granting of the first district license. Any exception, due to unusual circumstances, may be granted by the Ministerial Credentials Board, subject to the approval of the general superintendent in jurisdiction.
- **531/532.** The candidate may be elected to the order of deacon/elder by two thirds vote of the district assembly; ***provided he or she has been an assigned minister not less than three consecutive years; and provided further that the candidate must currently be serving in an assigned ministry.*** In the case of part-time assignment, it should be understood that there should be an extension of the consecutive years of in-service time, depending on their level of involvement in local church ministry, and that their testimony and service demonstrate that their call to ministry is primary to all other pursuits.

Who determines the minister's **Assigned Ministry Role**?

- **530.1.3.** When members of the Church of the Nazarene acknowledge a call to a lifetime of ministry, they may be licensed as ministers by the district assembly provided. . . .they have been ***recommended for such work by the church board of the local church of which they are members***, to which recommendation shall be attached the Application for Minister's License carefully filled in.
- **530.5.** In the case of ***licensed ministers who are serving as pastors***, the ***recommendation for the renewal of minister's license shall be made by the District Advisory Board***. In the case of local ministers who are serving as pastors, the recommendation for the granting of minister's license shall be made by the District Advisory Board. (222.11)

- These **recommendations** are made using **form 813.2 (*Recommendation to the District Assembly*)** on which the completing body designates the ministry role certifying the applicant's relationship with the local church/district.
- For those serving in staff roles and/or a role ***other than Pastor***, there is the further need to determine whether the service is Full-time or Part-time which bears on qualification for ordination as well as contributions to a minister's tax sheltered annuity (TSA). From the time perspective, general guidelines are that ministry is at least 20 hours per week to be considered full time.
- For retirement and the TSA contributions, denominational policy is that at least 50% of a minister's livelihood is received via the ministry in order to be designated full time, and the minister must be in an assigned role of ministry.